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NOTICE

Hurricane Irene Information for Foreign Missions in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area

Have you prepared for the storm that is approaching our area this weekend? As rains from Hurricane Irene began falling along the North and South Carolina coasts, the whole east coast of the United States has been warned to make preparations. Hurricane warnings are in effect from North Carolina to New Jersey. A hurricane watch is in effect farther north to include Long Island, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

The following may be of interest to the foreign mission community. Foreign students working in Ocean City, Maryland have been temporary moved to one of three locations for shelter through the hurricane. For more information contact David Bohannon, Maryland Department of Human Resources at 410-736-1728.

In addition to monitoring local news reports, foreign missions are encouraged to visit emergency management websites for additional information and to stay abreast of hurricane related developments.

Websites for the metropolitan DC area are:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.fema.gov/>

Virginia Emergency Management Agency
(804) 897-6500
<http://www.vaemergency.com/>

Maryland Emergency Management Agency
(877) 636-2872
<http://www.mema.state.md.us/MEMA/index.jsp>

District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency
(202) 727-6161
<http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp?dcemaNav=>